

REMARKS

The Examiner has considered only pending Claims 15 - 19 in the Office Action of May 4, 2004. Although the Examiner has maintained her rejection of Claims 15 - 19, she has indicated Claim 16 to be allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

In view of the Examiner's remarks, Applicants are incorporating the limitation of Claim 16 into Claim 15 and canceling Claim 16. As Claims 17 - 19 depend from Claim 15, Applicants believe that the amendment of Claim 15 to include the limitation "where the biologic activity assay is an assay for an enzyme and the second domain serves as a substrate for the enzyme," should bring Claims 17 - 19 within the scope of the subject matter that the Examiner considers to be allowable. Further, Applicants are canceling Claims 1 - 18 and 20 - 46, reserving the right to resubmit these claims in a divisional application.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that these amendments put the application in condition for allowance.

In her remarks the Examiner rejected Claim 15 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Bryan U.S. Patent No. 6,232,107, rejected Claims 17 - 19 as obvious in view of Bryan and responded to applicants' previous arguments regarding Bryan. It is believed that amendment of Claims 15 and 17 - 19 to include subject matter that the Examiner has found allowable renders these issues moot.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 15 and 17 - 19 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that the claims be allowed.

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